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The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
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Dear Minister Wilson-Raybould,

On behalf of the Canadian Bar Association, I am writing to extend my congratulations on your appointment to this esteemed portfolio. The CBA always strives to foster a strong and fruitful relationship with the Minister of Justice. We look forward to working with you and your officials to convey the perspective of the legal profession on issues of mutual interest.

The CBA is a national association representing over 36,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers and students across Canada. Our primary objectives include improvement in the law and in the administration of justice. The Minister of Justice and the CBA share a number of fundamental values that direct our respective work in this regard: a commitment to the rule of law, access to justice and the *Charter of Rights*; and an understanding of the need to uphold the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession.

These principles will underpin and support your government's important and ambitious justice agenda, including early priorities and key issues throughout the mandate. We can offer the unique perspective of a network of lawyers with expertise on how the law touches the lives of Canadians every day.

I **request a meeting** at your earliest convenience, to discuss critical issues of mutual interest.

Yours truly

(original signed by Janet M. Fuhrer)

Janet M. Fuhrer